



Preston Friedley, Billy Lyons, (sitting) are shown discussing the state of the SGA with Tim Hardy and Paul Akers (standing). Friedley and Lyons are in the SGA runoffs for president, and Hardy and Akers for the office of vice president. (photo: Greg Goodwin)

Runoffs set next week

A special runoff election for the offices of Student Government Association (SGA) president and vice president has been set by the Election Board for next week.

The special election has been called since none of the 10 candidates polled a majority of votes cast in the primary election held April 7-10. The special runoff will be held April 21-24 in room 107 of the Liberal Arts Building, an Election Board spokesman said.

Day students may cast their ballots from 8:45 a. m. to 2 p. m., April 23-24, and night students may vote April 21-24 from 5:30 to 8 p. m. All students, whether part time or full time may vote in the election.

Candidates for president are Billy G. Lyons, senior education major and a retired Navy commander, and Preston Friedley, junior political science major and an SGA senator. In the vice presidential race, Paul Akers, the current SGA vice president and senior communications major, opposes Tim Hardy, junior history major and an SGA senator.

Out of about 600 votes cast in the primary, SGA presidential candidate Lyons polled 221 votes to Friedley's 198 votes. In the race for vice president, Hardy received 255 votes, while Akers garnered 164 votes.

Employment policy Given by chancellor

(Editor's note: The following is a statement issued by Chancellor Donald E. Shipp Tuesday concerning employment policies at LSUS)

During the past two weeks, citizens of the Shreveport area have witnessed attempts to generate public pressure on the administration at LSU-Shreveport with regard to personnel matters.

It is inappropriate for University officials to discuss an individual's performance as a faculty member with the news media. As a result, Department Chairmen, Deans, the Vice-Chancellor and the Chancellor are at a disadvantage in developing public understanding about what is going on. Part of the difficulty lies in a general lack of understanding of how college faculty members are employed.

Briefly, college faculty are employed first on a probationary status, usually with one-year contracts. This is standard procedure all over the nation. University administrators have a chance to work with the new faculty member, and in time make an appraisal of his performance in carrying the many different kinds of responsibilities. It is commonly understood that campus administrators may decide not to renew a probationary faculty member's contract without prejudice to the faculty member. A new faculty member may be evaluated on the basis of professional competence, performance as a teacher, compatibility with objectives and operating procedures of the campus and many other factors. Continuation of a probationary faculty member beyond the terms of his contract is not promised or assured and is not ethically or legally an obligation of the University. (Continued on page 2)

Centenary president

Graduation speaker told

By Patti Kasselmann

Dr. John Allen, president of Centenary College, will be the commencement speaker for LSUS's first graduating class, according to Chancellor Donald E. Shipp.

The decision to invite Dr. Allen came at a meeting of the Special Academic Programs Committee Wednesday. The committee consists of five student and five faculty members. Three students and four faculty were present when Dr. Allen was chosen.

In addition to ten voting members, four ex officio members also serve on the committee. According to Dr. Gary K. Brashier, vice chancellor for academic affairs and one of the ex officio members, several names were suggested before Dr. Allen's name was put up for a vote. Dr. Brashier said the vote was unanimous in favor of asking Allen to speak.

Student member abstained

Randy Beach, one of the student committee members, affirmed Dr. Brashier's statement, adding that he had abstained from the vote. Beach said he spoke against having Allen as the speaker, feeling the "spirit of competition" was too great between Centenary and

LSUS. Beach said the committee was not responsive to his suggestions.

The suggestion to ask Allen came from Dr. Shipp, according to Beach. In an interview Monday, Dr. Shipp said he made the recommendation after a meeting with the vice chancellors on campus. Dr. Shipp said he felt Dr. Allen was appropriate because he and Allen are good friends and he wanted to demonstrate that "no ill feeling" exists between the schools. According to the chancellor, he personally invited Allen last week and said the invitation had been accepted.

Student opinions concerning the decision varied. One graduating senior said he felt Dr. Allen would probably have "some insights he can give us" and deemed the choice an acceptable one.

Student leaders dislike choice

Student Government Association (SGA) President Tony Sanders disagreed with the committee's choice, saying he felt Dr. Allen "is not an appropriate speaker for our first commencement."

Governor Edwin Edwards and Senator J. Bennett Johnston had both been asked to address the first graduating class but both declined because of schedule conflicts.

Parker announces resignation

By Keenan Gingles

Dr. Joseph B. Parker, political science associate professor at LSUS for two years, announced his resignation from the University Monday, to become effective at the end of this semester.

Parker, in his letter of resignation to Chancellor Donald E. Shipp, said "I regret having to leave the most intellectually challenging students I have encountered in my 13 years of teaching at the university level, but the repressive atmosphere which you have condoned leaves me no other choice."

The teacher said he was referring in the letter to actions taken by the University in deciding not to renew the contract of Dr. Bruce Lancaster, the only other full time political science professor here. Currently LSUS has about 70 political science majors.

Reasons not justified

Parker said that the reasons for not rehiring Lancaster were not justified. "In respect to Dr. Lancaster, if I have properly assessed the alleged reasons, the minor disagreements (in the social sciences department) concerning adding or scheduling courses, that's dismissing a person for the wrong reasons." The professor said he considered it an instructor's "right and obligation to make suggestions regarding adding and scheduling courses." "I consider this an aspect of academic freedom," he added. Chancellor Shipp has said that Lancaster's contract was not renewed because of "a total pattern of noncooperativeness in carrying out the department's (social science) goals."

According to the professor, there had been friction between faculty members of the social sciences department over some curriculum suggestions that he and Lancaster had proposed.

Desire expressed by both

Last fall, Parker said, he and Lancaster had expressed the desire to add an upper level course in American foreign policy, but the course was voted down by the majority of the faculty in the department, many of whom were history professors. It was felt by the majority that the course overlapped an existing history course. In addition, both he and Lancaster suggested that only two sections of American Government, a 200 level course, be offered in order that an upper level course could also be offered. Previously the department had planned to offer three sections of American Government.

After their suggestions were turned down by the department, Parker said that he thought the matter

was settled and that he and Lancaster had fully cooperated with the department's decision not to offer the course.

Policies discussed

The political science professor said that a meeting of the department was held Nov. 5 of last year to iron out the differences, and that he "personally apologized" for any ill feelings which may have been caused by the "minor disagreements." After the meeting, Parker said he considered the matter settled and thought no more about it. The department's decision not to recommend the renewal of Lancaster's contract came as a complete surprise to him.

Parker also stated that the policies of the University concerning nontenured professors' contracts could serve to lower the quality of education here, because many of the "better qualified young Ph.D.'s" would not work under the present situation.

Parker said Lancaster's contract nonrenewal had placed a cloud over his own future at LSUS, and he feared that his own contract might not be renewed. He said he considered this possibility and it contributed to his decision to resign.

LSUS on TV

By Garrett Stearns

A documentary featuring LSUS will air Sunday on Channel 3, KTBS TV, at 5:30 p. m. after the Ladies Winner's Circle Golf Tournament, according to John Tabor, director of information services.

The one hour program on higher education of the Ark-La-Tex will include various scenes and aspects of the LSUS campus. Programs of the University will be depicted along with other colleges and universities in the Ark-La-Tex.

Areas of LSUS photographed were the telescope on top of the Science Building, an arts and crafts class working, various laboratories, the Almagest, the "Snack Shack" and other activities of students going to class. Photographer Terry Atwood of KTBS shot the sequences here.

The program will be re-aired in about 60 to 90 days during the summer. Further information concerning the program can be obtained from Tabor in room 108 of the Science Building.

Library hours survey fails

By Garrett Stearns

According to the results of the recent library hours survey, the Almagest feels that it was not successful because of lack of participation by both LSUS students and faculty.

Of the 35 persons who bothered to turn in a survey, the results are as follows: 27 day students voted for extended hours, 1 student against; 3 faculty-staff for, 4 faculty-staff against. No night students participated. It seems apparent not enough students and faculty have the concern to express their opinion regarding LSUS library hours — whether they are for or against longer library hours.

In a recent meeting with a member of the Visiting Committee of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS), the library hours situation was discussed in length. This meeting was attended by students chosen by the SACS committee member.

Since LSUS is a four year college and not a university (in the sense that it has its own

graduate program), the present library hours exceed the minimum requirements required by the Southern Association. It was pointed out by students that the library staff was very helpful and cooperative in helping students with whatever their individual needs might be.

The matter of books dealing with particular subjects in the University was also discussed. Most students present felt the "serious need" for a five hour extension of the present Sunday library hours to make it open from 2-10 p. m. Of course, what was discussed at this meeting had no official bearing on the recommendations or suggestions submitted by the SACS Visiting Committee's evaluation of LSUS.

Malcolm Parker, director of the library, was most cooperative to discuss the issue of library hours with the Almagest. Concerning the present situation, Parker said, "When funds are made available, the library staff will be willing to put extended library hours on a trial basis." He also pointed out, "Until additional funds for student help are made available, we can not consider

extending hours at the present time."

The Library does not feel the need for longer hours at the present time. However, Parker said when students indicated the need, the library would work to meet this need. "The need will be determined when students as well as the faculty start complaining to the library staff."

Taking into consideration the phenomenal growth rate of LSUS, the library and administration should be aware of meeting the tremendous needs and demands of a four year degree-granting institution for both the students and faculty. Open communication between the students, faculty and administration are an important contribution in making a complete university atmosphere.

It is hoped that a responsible administration will be responsive to the needs of students and will act accordingly in the best interests of the students. Students need to be concerned about the status quo and be willing to act and make changes to further the educational needs of a growing university.

Letters to the editor:

To the editor:

I am outraged at the total disregard for students with which the administration is handling the Lancaster affair—not to mention the grave injustices to Dr. Lancaster! This incident reminds me of Nixon and his absolute refusal to hand over the evidence that would have helped clear up the Watergate Scandal. Just as Nixon underestimated the intelligence of the public and overestimated his own power, it seems the administration is underestimating the intelligence of the students and overestimating its own power. To complete the analogy I feel a complete list of the incidents in question would certainly help clear up this affair and should therefore be provided.

I have never heard a complaint from a student about Dr. Lancaster. On the contrary, the students have nothing but the highest regard for him. By the chancellor's own admission, Lancaster's teaching effectiveness was not considered as a reason for nonrenewal of his contract. How then can

Shipp cite "total non-cooperativeness in carrying out the department's goals" as the reason? Indeed, is popularity with other faculty members more important than the student's education?

I resent last week's letter from some of the faculty members. They say they know the "circumstances of the controversy," and that the administration acted in the best interest of the faculty and students. What audacity! We students ought to be told the "circumstances of the controversy" and be allowed to decide for ourselves what would be in our best interest. We are adults, not children, and we pay our hard-earned money for an education. We pay the administrators to provide us with the best education possible. Are we going to allow them to deprive us of two good teachers, without any explanation except a few vague wordings?

Brenda Hall

To the editor:

I am not supporting anyone in the runoff. I'm a poor loser, but after only 35 votes I'm going to

have a complex of some sort.

Well, I'll finish this semester but I'm going to Centenary and major in Drama next year.

Oh, yeah—perhaps the students could pay for my posters.

Mark Graham

★ Shipp's letter

(Continued from page 1)

Still other new faculty members are employed with a specific statement or understanding that a one-year appointment is all they will receive. In effect, these faculty members are given a one-year appointment and notice of non-renewal at the same time. These are usually Master's level persons who fill a position set up for a Doctor's level person, because no suitable Doctor's level person was available. Frequently, persons working on doctorates are employed and by common understanding their continued employment depends upon satisfactory progress toward the Doctor's degree.

After a specified period of satisfactory service, a college faculty member is given tenure. This provides him with lifetime protection in his position. He can only be dismissed for cause and this must follow rather carefully drawn up guidelines.

Guidelines have also been drawn up in the case of the non-renewal of a probationary faculty member's expiring contract. The definitive statement of these guidelines has been made by the American Association of University Professors. LSU-Shreveport, as does most of the college campuses, subscribes to the AAUP guidelines.

These guidelines have been and will continue to be followed on the LSU-Shreveport campus. They provide adequate safeguards and appeals for the probationary faculty member. These are matters that ought to be handled formally and with dignity. Following accepted guidelines, during the past eight years, there have been a number of non-renewals of contracts as explained. I feel certain there will be others in the future. A campaign of public pressure by a few individuals is not the proper way to resolve these often complex and troublesome matters.

Kennedy murder plotted, Journalist tells students

By Sandy Bellar

The Zapruder film and an informal discussion led by award-winning journalist Penn Jones captivated a group of LSUS sociology students on a recent excursion to Midlothian, Texas, just outside Dallas.

Jones, who won the Lovejoy Award for Courage in Journalism presented by the International Conference of Weekly Newspaper Editors in 1967, was reporting on the scene the fateful day President John F. Kennedy was murdered. Since then, he has devoted his efforts to investigate the crime.

As an explanation for his thesis that the Warren Commission covered-up a conspiracy and there were in fact several shots and assassins, Jones said, "America was able to return to a democracy after World War I but could not after World War II. In Roosevelt's administration, a weak presidency existed because of his health. With Truman and Eisenhower, one did not know or care about a strong military. Then John F. Kennedy came

along and wanted to be president. His ambition brought him in conflict with the military."

The film shows the discrepancies between what the Warren Commission reported and with what Jones and other investigators believe actually happened. Now, there are law suits over the reproductions of the film and other evidence vital to proving conspiracy.

After the group listened to the short lecture, Jones and Danny Walker, LSUS sociology instructor, conducted a tour of the assassination site around the Book Depository. A careful examination of bullet holes in the side walk, possible lookouts and the apartments of Ruby and Oswald were included.

"The entire area is being renovated, even shrubbery is being destroyed. This adds to the some 83 deaths of those connected with people involved in the crime and the destruction of vital evidence—records, the car, and Kennedy's brain—and points toward a conspiracy" concludes Jones.

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Speaker Tells SGA

Gym Hopes Growing

By Randy Griffith

Hope for a Health and P.E. facility increased last week as the Student Government Association (SGA) senate was told that chances were good for a lobbyist's support in the coming Louisiana Legislature session.

Lori Adler, a registered lobbyist for the Louisiana Student Lobby (LSL), told the senate Friday she was "fairly positive" she would be allowed to actively lobby for a campus gym.

The LSL is a nonprofit, student-run organization that lobbies for student-related bills in the legislature. Sixteen Louisiana colleges and universities are members, including LSUS.

Certain issues accepted

Alder, also a regional director for the National Student Lobby, said the LSL Board of Directors "can only take up issues that will be generally beneficial or detrimental to all schools represented."

Therefore, she explained, the board, made up of all the SGA presidents from the schools represented, must approve a special request before she can be allowed to lobby for a par-

ticular item. She said certain exceptions had been made, citing an effort for a student union at SUNO as an example.

She added that although Charles E. Roemer III would not "firmly commit himself, he did come across as sounding very, very positive" for at least one project for LSUS, although there was no way to tell what it would be. First priority on the capital outlay budget this year is a Health and P.E. center.

Other bills supported

Other legislative items Alder said the LSL would support include bills for legal aid on campus, student aid programs and beer on campus.

Last year the LSL supported bills to let national guardsmen attend school free and an increase in the loan limit for graduate students.

Alder was asked about funding problems for the LSL. A public institution such as LSUS can not legally donate money for lobbying efforts. However, Adler said, "It is not really certain whether an SGA can pay money to a lobby. . . as a private entity."

There is a request for the Attorney General's office for ruling and the LSL should have it by April 21, Adler said.

16 On Faculty Promoted

Sixteen faculty-staff members at LSUS have been promoted, Dr. Donald E. Shipp, chancellor, has announced.

The promotions are effective in August for those employed on an academic year basis and in July for those on a fiscal year basis.

Listed by colleges the faculty-staff members and their new ranks are:

Education — Dr. James D. Bates, professor of health and physical education; Dr. George A. Kemp, professor of psychology; Dr. James E. Sabin, associate professor of education; Dr. Kenneth M. Purdy, associate professor of health and physical education; and Sandra S. Bowen, assistant professor of health and physical education.

Liberal Arts — Dr. Vincent J. Marsala, professor of social sciences; Charlene J. Handford, assistant professor of communications and Loretta M. Lampkin and Allena J. Longfellow, both assistant professors of English.

Library — William E. McCleary, assistant librarian.

Sciences — Dr. Gary K. Brashier and Dr. Joseph W. Goerner, both professors of chemistry; Dr. Rex L. Matlock and Dr. Thomas A. Moss, both professors of physics; Dr. Ronald A. Martin, associate professor of chemistry and Charles D. Smith, assistant professor of mathematics.

Banquet Set

Sigma Alpha Upsilon will have a banquet Friday for installation of new officers and members. The banquet will be at the Bossier City Holiday Inn. Guests are invited. Reservations may be made in room 309 of the Liberal Arts Building.

Tri Delta

Delta Delta Delta, social sorority, recently honored graduating members at their first annual Pansy Breakfast.

Honorees included Rebel Brown, Linda Chance, Pam Cook, Cheryl Holmes, Elsa McCain, Judy Rosier and Vickie Singer.

Psychology Club

Dr. Norman Marouner will discuss operation of the Shreveport Mental Health Center at the next Psychology Club meeting at 6:30 p.m. April 24.

Election of next year's officers is also tentatively planned. For dinner reservations at the Holiday Inn, members should immediately contact a Psychology professor.

New course offered

A new course in Environmental Chemistry will be offered for the first time next fall, according to Dr. Ronald A. Martin, assistant professor of chemistry.

According to Dr. Martin, the course will be an introductory study of chemistry related to society and the environment and will not be a detailed study of chemical principles. Interested students may select the course as a general science elective without chemistry, science or mathematics prerequisites.

Campus Briefs

Meet the artist

Gary Gaffney, New Orleans artist, will meet the public and discuss his works 7:30 p.m. Friday in the LSUS Art Gallery, room 336 of the Liberal Arts Building.

Positions Open

The Almagest, campus newspaper, is now accepting applications for staff positions for the fall semester. Any interested students should see Dr. Robert Russell, faculty adviser, in room 316 of the Liberal Arts Building as soon as possible.

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Holiday in Dixie starts today

By Paula Seago

Holiday in Dixie, the annual celebration of the signing of the Louisiana Purchase transaction, will be held April 18-27 offering the largest and most varied roster of events of any of the area's major festivals.

Over 50 events are scheduled for the festival which include an air show at Barksdale Air Force Base featuring the world famous Thunderbirds and other flying groups; a Cross Lake Water Show featuring the Caddo Ski Bees and the Queen Holiday in Dixie Pageant where 25 Ark-La-Tex beauties will compete for the title.

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Tonight at 8 in the Science Lecture Auditorium, the Student Entertainment Committee (SEC) will present "Serpico." The award-winning movie tells the story of an Italian who becomes a New York policeman with an idealistic dream of the profession. One student ID admits two people.

'Godspell'

Tickets, priced at \$7, \$6, and \$5, are still available for the April 18 presentation of the rock musical hit, "Godspell." The show will have a single per-

Softball tourney starts April 26

There will be a softball tournament sponsored by the Intramurals Office on Saturday, April 26 at LSUS.

The tournament is being held because there will be no league this year due to the early finals.

Anyone interested is encouraged to sign up in the IM office, room 142 of the Liberal Arts Building. The deadline for entering is April 24.

formance at the Shreveport Civic Theater at 8 p.m. Tickets are on sale at all Stan's Record Shops. The show is sponsored by the North Shreveport Lions Club.

'Madam Butterfly'

The Shreveport Civic Opera Association will present

"Madam Butterfly" starring Maria Pellegrini, William Harness, Theodor Uppman and Marcia Baldwin Thursday, May 1 at 8 p.m. This will be the only opera presented by the Association this season.

Tickets, priced at \$15, \$12.50, \$10, \$7.50 and \$4 are available at the Civic Theater box office. Mail orders may be sent to P.O. Box 1543, Shreveport, La. 71165.

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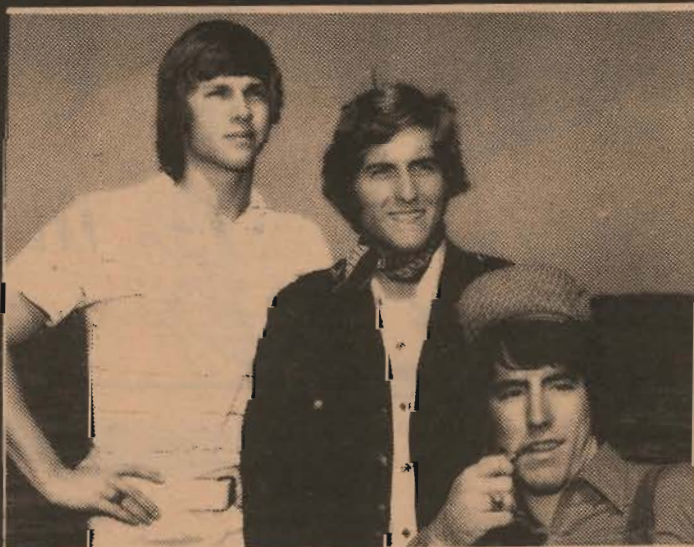
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